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1. The majority of Soviet citizens in Mukden are Chungchang Railway employees or railway police. The railway police wear an army-type uniform without rank or insignia. There are more than one thousand railway police stationed between Mukden and Dairen.
2. The Soviet Mukden trade bureau sent Soviet representatives to Tungfeng (125-31, 42-41), Kaiyuan (124-05, 42-36), Hsian (125-09, 42-54) and other cities in Manchuria to purchase soy beans and cattle to be shipped to Manchouli (117-27, 49-36). A catty of soy beans is Northeast yuan 2,000, which is converted into gold at the official price of yuan 6,000,000 per tael. The purchases are shipped from Ssupsingchieh (124-22, 43-11) to Manchouli through Meihokou (125-41, 42-36), Kirin and Harbin.
3. The railroad between Ssupsingchieh and Changchun has not been fully repaired.
4. The former South Manchurian Hospital and Medical College are now operated jointly by the Soviets and the Chinese Communists. The college standards are almost a third lower; the college course now takes two years, the middle school course four years and the primary school course four years.
5. Many Soviet-made six-wheeled 2½-ton trucks, which have been turned over to the Chinese Communists, have been observed in Mukden. These trucks have a maximum speed of only 40 miles per hour, but they can operate in temperatures as low as -30° centigrade without freezing.
6. Although the Mukden arsenal was bombed twice by the Chinese Air Force after the Nationalist evacuation, only the office buildings were damaged. The arsenal is still manufacturing 6.5 mm and 7.9 mm ammunition, and the daily output is about 18,000 rounds.
7. Machinery for manufacturing direct and indirect fire artillery pieces which the Soviet Army removed from the Mukden arsenal in 1945, has been packed by

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Soviet troops in Port Arthur and is awaiting shipment to Mukden. This equipment includes machinery for making 105 mm field guns.

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